

## 1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2 A hand-operated jointed control lever assembly that allows normal operation when  
3 moved in a first direction by an operator's grip, but disjoints without breaking when moved  
4 in other directions. The control lever naturally returns to its normal mode of operation when  
5 the abnormal stressing forces of an accident or fall are removed from the lever. The lever  
6 assembly has a lever body and a lever arm with respective mating fulcrum surfaces and a  
7 tensioning cable passing through the fulcrum surfaces, with a tensioning spring exerting force  
8 on the tensioning cable to draw the fulcrum surfaces together. The lever body has a  
9 rearwardly-extending lip in engagement with a forward edge of the lever arm, allowing side-  
10 to-side disjointed movement and outward disjointed movement opposite the first direction.